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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: METZLER, Thomas, et al.

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For:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT BIOCHEMICAL REACTIONS

WITH A HIGH THROUGHPUT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 20, 2002. A petition for extension of time is also being submitted contemporaneously.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amended claims as attached hereto. The amendments are being submitted in the revised format as set forth at http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/revamdtprac.htm.

Applicants note that the pending Office Action only lists claims 16-30 as being under examination. Applicants respectfully point out that our previous Preliminary Amendment contained claims 16-31.

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